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SUBJECT: AMCIT EXPROPRIATION CLAIM AGAINST GOH

1. ARA/CEN WAS VISITED MAY 10 BY LESLIE S. FREY, WHO CLAIMS TO BE NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN OF CZECH ORIGIN AND PRESENTLY RESIDES IN STANFORD, CONN. MR. FREY ALLEGES THAT AS A NON-HONDURAN CITIZEN UNDER PROVISIONS OF DECREE LAW 103 ENACTED IN JANUARY 1974, HE WAS EVENTUALLY FORCED TO SELL HIS HONDURAN LUMBER BUSINESS, FREY LUMBER EXPORT (EL PINO SAW MILL), SUFFERING LOSSES OF ABOUT DOLS 154,000. FREY ALSO ALLEGES PROPERTY LOSSES, DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER, AND OTHER INJURIES AS THE RESULT OF CONSPIRACY CONDUCTED AGAINST HIM BY ONE HORACIO MOYA POSAS, WHO FREY CLAIMS IS ATTORNEY AND ADVISOR TO EX-PRESIDENT LOPEZ ARELLANO. FREY LEFT WITH US COPIES OF DOCUMENTATION WHICH WE ARE POUCHING TO EMBASSY.

2. ARA/CEN FILES INDICATE ANOTHER FREY VISIT TO DEPARTMENT ON NOVEMBER 29, 1976 (MEMCON OF THIS VISIT ALSO BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY). AT THAT TIME WE ADVISED FREY THAT HE UNCLASSIFIED

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COULD BEST PURSUE HIS CLAIM THROUGH HONDURAN COURTS AND SUGGESTED HE OBTAIN SERVICES OF LOCAL ATTORNEY. FREY NOW REPORTS THAT HE APPROACHED SEVERAL ATTORNEYS, BUT ONLY ONE, ROLANDO E. SOTO, WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE CASE. HOWEVER, SOTO HAS WITHDRAWN FROM PURSUING MATTER, ACCORDING

TO FREY IN DOCUMENT WHICH HE HAD CERTIFIED BY U.S. CONSU-

LATE IN TEGULCIGALPA. FREY REQUESTS APPROPRIATE USG ASSISTANCE IN SETTLING CLAIM.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON FREY'S CLAIM, PARTICULARLY HIS ALLEGED INABILITY TO OBTAIN SATISFACTORY LEGAL REPRESENTATION. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF EMBASSY COULD REPLY BEFORE PLANNED JUNE 1 MEETING OF INTERAGENCY APPROPRIATION GROUP, WHICH WILL REVIEW SUBSTANCE OF FREY'S CLAIM. CHRISTOPHER

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